



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

April 13, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANT
(FIRST DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation (Director) to reduce the Various First District Improvements Excess Funds grant to the County by \$142,000 and reallocate the \$142,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Valleydale Park Kitchen Refurbishment Project.
2. Authorize the Director to award a grant for the Valleydale Park project when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation would reduce, by \$142,000, the Various First District Improvements grant which was allocated to the County by your Board in Fiscal Year 2002-03. The \$142,000 would then be reallocated to the County for the refurbishment of the kitchen at Valleydale Park. Approval of the second recommendation would provide for administration of the grant under existing Regional Park and Open Space District guidelines.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects, in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. Funds available for allocation to projects in the First Supervisorial District are identified in the attachment. Of the \$2,001,387 allocated for County projects, \$142,000 would be reallocated for the Valleydale Park Kitchen Refurbishment Project.

It is also recommended that the Director be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 6 (Community Service) by allowing your Board to allocate Excess Funds to the County for the Valleydale Park Kitchen Refurbishment Project, thereby ensuring continuing food services to senior citizens in the surrounding area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

In a related item on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval of the Valleydale Park Kitchen Refurbishment Project, including the allocation of \$142,000 from the Regional Park and Open Space District.

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$142,000 is budgeted from the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6. Funds for the grant are available from the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations for additional capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04 Excess Funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides for an annual determination of the availability of excess funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 24, 2003, your Board identified funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04. The recommended grant would be funded from the amounts identified for the First Supervisorial District, as shown in the attachment.

The 1996 Proposition establishes conditions on the award of Excess Funds, and the Board may establish additional conditions. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997 and used since then for the administration of similar grant projects. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended project will allow for continuation of senior citizen nutrition programs and other programs for residents of the First Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

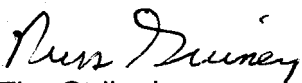
These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that these actions will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

For 
Tim Gallagher
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachment

- c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
First Supervisorial District
EXCESS FUNDS
As of April 1, 2004

Allocation Category	(A) Cumulative Funds	(B) Previous Allocations	(A-B) Available for Allocation	(C) Recommended Actions	(A-B)-(C) Remaining
Highest Priority Regional Open Space and Recreation Projects (Specified)	\$ 4,002,854.40	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,752,854.40	\$ -	\$ 3,752,854.40
Cities	\$ 2,001,427.20	\$ 2,001,387.00	\$ 40.20	\$ -	\$ 40.20
County	\$ 2,001,427.20	\$ 2,001,387.00	\$ 40.20	\$ (142,000.00) * \$ 142,000.00	\$ 40.20
Competitive	\$ 889,523.20	\$ 804,000.00	\$ 85,523.20	\$ -	\$ 85,523.20
First District Total:	\$ 8,895,232.00	\$ 5,056,774.00	\$ 3,838,458.00	\$ -	\$ 3,838,458.00

* A previous allocation to the County will be reduced by \$142,000 to provide for the \$142,000 allocation to Valleydale County Park.